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1. MEZ Zidenice (Moravske elektrotechnicke zavody -- Moravian Electrotechnical Works), National Enterprise, in Brno-Zidenice, received an order some time in 1952 to produce 35 electric motors for sea and river vessels by the end of 1954. This order came from Navika, National Enterprise, located in Prague XVI at Kartouzská třída, for ships being built in Czechoslovakia for the USSR. The chief firms concerned in the project were the V.I. Lenin Works in Pilsen and the Skoda Works in Komarno [4746N-1808E]. Navika was handling the entire project, and was maintaining direct contact with Soviet representatives in Prague. The project was known under the cover name of Namel. The technicians at MEZ Zidenice believed that the vessels to be produced were probably commercial ships patterned after an American model.

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2. [REDACTED] the electric motors [REDACTED] were to be rather large. MEZ Zidenice decided to schedule production of the motors as follows: 5 motors in the third quarter of 1953, 7 motors in the fourth quarter of 1953, 4 motors in the first quarter of 1954, 11 motors in the second quarter of 1954, and 8 motors in the third quarter of 1954.

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However, the production plans and specifications received by MEZ Zidenice were Russian originals and were based on Soviet material standards. Obtaining the particular qualities of materials specified in these orders and following the Soviet material standards raised serious production difficulties, and the MEZ engineers stated that the production schedule for 1953 probably could not be fulfilled. Production had not yet begun in March 1953. The other firms concerned in the project also received Russian production specifications.

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3. MEZ Zidenice received another order for electric motors from Navika in the beginning of February 1953. These electric motors were also destined for sea and river vessels being built in Czechoslovakia for the USSR. This new shipbuilding project is known under the cover name of Jitrenka. The MEZ technicians believed that this project too was for the production of commercial vessels.

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